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1. HERewith FULL TEXT HENRY S. BRADSHER ARTICLE, WASHINGTON STAR, TUESDAY, APRIL 27, HEADED "OLD GRIPEs SUPPORTED: KISSINGER, NIXON, FORD CRITICIZED."

2. WITHOUT MENTIONING HIS NAME, THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REPORT CRITICIZES THE WAY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER HAS USED AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. PRESIDENTS NIXON AND FORD ARE ALSO INDIRECTLY CRITICIZED.

3. THE CRITICISM SUPPORTS COMPLAINTS LONG HEARD WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY THAT IT WAS BEING MISUSED TO SUPPORT POLICY POSITIONS DETERMINED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF ITS EXPERTISE.

4. "IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A TENDENCY ON THE PART OF HIGH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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STATE," TO CALL FOR UNEVALUATED INTELLIGENCE DATA AND

ANALYZE IT THEMSELVES, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY. THEY "ALL TOO OFTEN RELISHED THE ROLE OF 'CRISIS MANAGERS'," BUT CAREFUL ANALYSIS WAS SET ASIDE.

5. THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATED THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE IN THE CAMBODIAN SEIZURE OF THE U.S. SHIP MAYAGUEZ LAST MAY AND THE MARINE OPERATION TO RECOVER IT. THIS WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY LINKED IN THE REPORT TO THE REMARKS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT, ALTHOUGH SOME CRITICS AT THE TIME CONSIDERED IT AN EXAMPLE OF INADEQUATE ANALYSIS.

6. "IN MAKING HIS OWN INTELLIGENCE JUDGMENT BASED ON THE LARGE VOLUME OF OFTEN CONFLICTING REPORTS AND UNDIGESTED RAW INTELLIGENCE INSTEAD OF ON A WELL-CONSIDERED FINISHED PIECE OF INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS, A HIGH OFFICIAL MAY BE SEEKING CONCLUSIONS MORE FAVORABLE TO HIS POLICY PREFERENCES THAN THE SITUATION MAY IN FACT WARRANT," THE REPORT SAID. SOME ADMINISTRATION SOURCES HAVE FELT KISSINGER HAS DONE EXACTLY THIS.

7. A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE INTELLIGENCE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES, JOHN HUIZENGA, TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT "THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SOMETIMES HAS AN INTEREST IN HAVING INTELLIGENCE TAKE A CERTAIN VIEW OF A SITUATION BECAUSE IT HAS A HEAVY INVESTMENT IN AN ONGOING LINE OF POLICY, OR BECAUSE THE SECRETARY HAS PUT HIMSELF ON RECORD AS TO HOW TO THINK ABOUT A PARTICULAR PROBLEM."

8. HUIZENGA ADDED THAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFTEN SEES INTELLIGENCE "AS THE SERVANT OF DESIRED POLICIES AND PROGRAMS." THE REPORT CITED AN EXAMPLE OF THEN-SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN LAIRD GETTING AN ESTIMATE OF SOVIET STRATEGIC FORCES DELETED BECAUSE IT CONFLICTED WITH HIS PUBLIC POSITION.

9. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS "ARE NOT ALWAYS KEPT SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED, IN A TIMELY FASHION, OF U.S. POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES WHICH AFFECT THEIR ANALYSES AND ESTIMATES."

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10. IT CITED THE VAGUE EXAMPLE THAT ANALYSTS "MAY NOT ALWAYS BE AWARE OF WHAT A KEY FOREIGN LEADER HAS TOLD HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN POLICYMAKERS IN PRIVATE, AND SO THEY MAY BE MISSING CRUCIAL INFORMATION ON A PARTICULAR NATION'S INTENTIONS IN A GIVEN SITUATION."

11. THIS REFLECTS FRUSTRATION AMONG ANALYSTS THAT KISSINGER HOLDS TOO CLOSELY THINGS HE IS TOLD. ONE INTELLIGENCE

SOURCE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COUNTER SOVIET CONTENTIONS IN STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS LIMITATIONS TALKS IF KISSINGER WOULD LET ANALYSTS KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY F. DOBRYNIN TELLS HIM DURING THEIR TOP-LEVEL SALT NEGOTIATIONS

12. THE COMMITTEE ALSO ENDORSED, BY PUBLISHING, COMPLAINTS THAT TOO TIGHT BUREAUCRATIC COMPARTMENTALIZATION MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND ALL THE FACTORS IN ITS WORK.

13. SOMETIMES THIS HAS WORKED WITHIN THE CIA, WHEN ANALYSTS DID NOT KNOW WHAT COVERT OPERATORS WERE DOING. (END TEXT.)
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